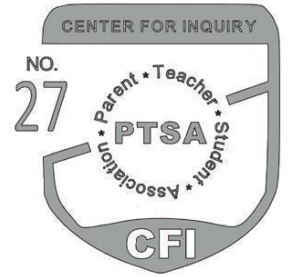


CFI 27 PTSA Agenda

Date & Time: September 14, 2023 5:00pm

Location: CFI27 Media Room and Teams



- **Welcome/Announcements**

- IPS Guests: Dennis Thomas, Keisha Odom

- **Administration Update**

- Beautification day thanks
- Hiring updates
 - 3 new staff
 - 7th/8th math teacher
 - Interventionist
 - Medical Assistant
 - Fully staffed
- Started 7 students in Algebra - partnership with tutor by teacher
- Partnership with Florian?
 - Firefighters
 - AA Males in need of mentorship and support after looking at data
 - Supporting with lunch groups and mentoring to provide more role models
- Data update
 - Kids took NWEA - shows us what kids know at the beginning of the year
 - Will take it again in the middle and end of the year
 - Interventionist will use that data and will be able to support all grade levels
 - Academics - K-5 and Behavior
 - Specific time to support middle school students, especially in math
 - There is a math coach supporting

- **PTSA Business**

- **Fundraising Committee meeting report**

- Small fundraising committee - held first meeting last week
- Sponsorship Letters went out

- **Peace Run Committee call out and an upcoming meeting**

- 5 pm next Tuesday
- Email Mary Beth if you are interested in
- Secured permit for race timing
- Link to start selling race tickets should be at the end of the week

- **Call out for assistance with Friday cheer cart donations and organization**

- No donations yet for the cheer cart
- Last year, we just sent out general requests for anything that teachers would like

- **Treasurer's report**

- ~\$11,500 in the account
- Some new membership money since last meeting
- **Tiger Pride Committee Updates**
 - Had a first meeting with Principal Duvall
 - Short-term committee this year to support students and staff through the transition to RBS
 - Positive end note to their experience here - 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th graders and staff
 - Giving students culminating moments that are appropriate to them
 - Currently focusing on figuring out what resources there are to support this effort
 - Want to include students - the spirit of IB
 - Student ambassadors are being recruited and we will find out what they would like to see happen
 - After those pieces are aligned, they will call on staff and parents to help
 - Champions for each grade level
 - Parties, Recognitions
 - Extending 8th-grade trip to 7th-grade trip
 - Applying for funding to assist with that
 - Email if you are interested in helping
- **Communications Update**
 - **Plan to update the website and add meeting minutes each month.**
 - Newsletter is up and running
 - Working to make sure meeting minutes get posted promptly
 - August minutes are posted, and moving forward, that process should be quick
 - Working on updating the website
- **Activity Planning**
 - **Fundraising Planning**
 - Oct. 17th - Half Liter dine to donate
 - Suggestions are welcome!
 - Chipotle, 5 Guys, 5 Below are other ideas
 - Poinsettia sale - end of November through December
 - Ideas:
 - Penny Wars
 - Shoe Drive
 - New or gently used shoes, bag them up and turn them in
 - Can earn funds for that
 - Sky Zone gives out free passes to give out to students
 - Asking about free passes for skating rinks to give out as incentives
 - Could do a skating party as a fundraiser
 - Think about equity of access
 - Look at winter as a possibility
 - **Events:**
 - **September 22:**
 - **Peace Walk; what support does the school need from PTSA?**

- o Parents can show up at 1:15 ish and walk with their child's class
 - o Staggered times will be sent out in principal's update
- **October 21:**
 - **Peace Run 5K and 1 mile fun run/walk**
 - o See notes above
 - o Looking for sponsors - there is a letter with donation information
 - Title sponsor is \$2000
 - Associate \$1000
 - Gold \$500
 - Silver \$250
 - o We have approached last year's sponsors
 - Thinking about sending out a general letter with information for both events for the year
 - Started a list of all of the sponsors
 - o Start the fun run 15 minutes later than last year
 - **Tuesday's meeting at 5 pm next week will cover Fall Fest, Peace Run, Parent Bash**
 - **Fall Festival**
 - o Peace Run will happen in the morning, with the book fair after
 - o Transitions to the Fall Festival in the late morning/early afternoon is the trunk and treat, games, etc.
 - o The book fair will only be at the fall festival this year
- **Future Parent Bash preliminary planning**
- **Meet and Greet with Keisha Odom, Longfellow Principal & Dennis Thomas, Director of Inquiry**
 - o Ms. Odom is the current principal at Longfellow - first year there currently a STEM school
 - Resident principal last year
 - Previously Assistant Principal at University Elementary- Blooming - PYP school
 - o This year, focusing on the transition to IB
 - Working hard to create a climate and culture for the IB atmosphere
 - o Working to establish things that are currently done in CFI schools
 - 8th grade trip, PTSA, etc.
 - o Lots of activities, clubs, and athletics are already in place
 - A gym has been added on

- The big athletic field outside will be vamped with RBS funds
- Cafeteria
- Multipurpose room as well
- o The principal is doing training in IB
 - Waiting to train teachers once they see which teachers are staying and coming
- o Can email her to tour the school - will post Keisha's information and all the flyers and information
 - Events
 - Sept. 20th - Cookies with the Principal
 - Oct. 26th - Teacher Treat
 - o All parents and students invited to tour the school
 - o Mini open house
- o CFI 27 is zoned to Longfellow
- o [There is a FAQ page on the RBS page](#)
- o Current Enrollment at Longfellow
 - 460 current students - still getting new students
 - Predicted enrollment of 700 but it is a small building - can hold up to 600 students
 - Plan is the current students will follow the STEM program to Arlington, but they will have the option to stay at Longfellow
- o Current class sizes - only have 7th and 8th grade
 - Range from 16 - 25
 - Exception to that is PE class
 - Right now they are on block scheduling with 90 minute classes will be moving to a 7 bell schedule
 - This will allow more flexibility for electives and will keep classes sizes
 - Currently have 6 math and english teachers - they are fully staffed!
- o Enroll Indy opens November 1st
- o Looking at 2 teams for each grade level next year
- o IB Certification is transferring to Longfellow

- Will have to do re-certification in 3 years but don't have to do initial certification
- o Will the curriculum transfer from 2 and 27?
 - Yes
 - Hoping to inherit teachers from 2 and 27 that will assist with the curriculum transfer
 - Survey will go out to teachers in October and hopefully teachers will apply to be coordinators
- o New software coming out - Toddle
 - Will allow schools to share curriculum with each other
- o Howe information
 - Sept. 19th - school tour @ 5:30 pm
 - Sept. 26th and 29th
 - Dennis Thomas - Direct of Inquiry
 - Dr. Botley - Middle School EDS Present
- o Information sheets will be put together after meetings to help about specific middle schools
- o Start time for middle school? - Looking at adjusting due to savings in bussing
 - Right now - 7 am start time - 2 pm
 - Advisory at 7:20 - 7:55
 - o Clubs happen during that time
 - No after school care right now
 - Only bussing on Tuesday and Thursday for after-school activities
- o Starting a school advisory council for Longfellow to help with the transition
 - Parents, community members, students, and staff are invited